

record to see for us. This state, in terms of economic costs of accidents involving teenagers, and this is from age 15 to 19, cost us about \$185 million a year in this state. In terms of young driver citations for driving while intoxicated, 31 percent of all the citations are issued to young drivers, and 83 percent of all those were for young male drivers. We had over 250 second offense drunk driving offenses last year for younger drivers in that age group. Forty-four percent of all the alcohol related accidents involve drivers from 15 to 24. Forty-six percent of all the alcohol related fatal accidents are in that same age group. The statistics go on and on and on. Quite frankly, when I look at statistics I start to talk to Senator Nelson, because she's the person that does a lot of statistics and can tell me what those are all about. So I'm not real good necessarily at spewing all those statistics out, Arlene, but I'll tell you, the bottom line is, if we're going to trust young people out on the road, we need to give them a fighting chance, and that fighting chance is some good driver education, driver safety. There was some mention made this morning about blackmail, and that we're just back dooring the younger students. Iowa has had this program into effect for a number of years, and it's worked fairly successfully over in Iowa. And the driver's education becomes a matter of course. The first year, sure, people complain a little bit about it. Would I, if I had 10 kids, want to pay 80 to 120 dollars? No, not necessarily. But, at the same time, I don't want to have 10 children out on the road that don't have sufficient training and education to be in that motor vehicle, because it would scare the death (sic) out of me. With that, Madam President, that would constitute my opening onto this bill. And I would entertain any questions that we might have.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Does anyone wish to speak on the motion to advance LB 336? Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I would move that we adjourn until 9:00 a.m., March 5.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a motion to adjourn. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Thank you. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 75 and find the same correctly engrossed; LB 96, LB 204, LB 235, LB 236, LB 247, all reported correctly